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SUBJ: WORK GLOVES PROBLEM

1. USLO OFFICERS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DSCUSS COTTON
WORK GLOVE PROBLEM WITH A LEADING US IMPORTER ON
JANUARY 5. HE IS VISITING PEKING, SHANGHAI, AND
DALIEN TO PLACE PURCHASES OF COTTON WORK GLOVES FOR
DELIVERY DURING SECOND OF 1978 (FIRST HALF PURCHASES
HAVE ALREADY BEEN FINALIZED.) HE STATED THAT PRC
PRICES FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS HAVE BEEN RUNNING
APPROXIMATELY FIVE PERCENT HIGHER THAN THOSE FOR
COMPARABLE WORK GLOVES FROM HONG KONG. (HONG KONG
IS, OF COURSE, LEADING US FOREIGN SUPPLIER). IMPORTER ATTRIBUTED THIS PRICE DIFFERENTIAL TO RELATIVELY HIGH PRICE WHICH CHINESE PAID FOR IMPORTED
COTON LAST YEAR BECAUSE THEY BOUGHT TOO FAR IN
ADVANCE; HE ADDED THA T PRICE DIFFERENTIAL - IF MAINTAINED-- WILL ACT

AS RESTRAINT ON AMOUNT IMPORTED BY US.

2. IMPORTER INDICATED THAT IF HE COULD NEGOTIATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FAVORABLE PRICE HE WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF WORK GOLVES PURCHASED; HOWEVER, CHINATEX OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD HIM THAT THEY HAVE DECIDED NOT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT THAT EACH OF THE MAJOR BUYERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BUY. HE STATED THAT THERE ARE FOUR OF FIVE MAJOR BUYERS WHO PURCHASE FOR THE US MARKET. HE BELIEVES THAT CHINESE

ARE LIMITING SALES BECAUSE THEY ARE AWARE OF SENSITIVITY OF THIS ITEM IN US.

3. SOURCE IS WELL KNOWN TO USLO OFFICERS, HAS GOOD CONNECTIONS IN CHINATEX, AND IS BELIEVED TO BE REPORTING ACCURATELY.
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